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TAGS: PBOR EFIS BF

SUBJ: SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING F/V SACRIFICE

REF: NASSAU 2092

1. NASSAU EVEING NEWSPAPER DECEMBER 17 QUOTES POLICE COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AS SAYING HE IS "PREPARED TO REFUTE" ALLEGATIONS OF SACRIFICE'S CAPTAIN CONCERNING SUBJECT INCIDENT, SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING LOCATION. HE REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER WITHOUT KNOWING PRECISELY WHAT THOSE ALLEGATIONS ARE. "WE WILL WAIT UNTIL WE GET SOMETHING FROM THE AMERICANS, AND THAT'S WHERE (MINEXTAFF) COMES IN" HE IS QUOTED. ARTICLE SAYS THOMPSON UNSURE WHETHER GCOB WOULD ASK USG TO SUPPLY CAPTAIN'S ALLEGATIONS IN WRITING OR WAIT FOR USG TO "MAKE THE FIRST MOVE". ARTICLE SAYS MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. COMMENT: EMBOFF MET BOTH ADDERLEY AND PERMSEC RUSSELL SOCIALLY EVENING OF DECEMBER 17 AND BOTH SAID INVESTIGATION WAS PROCEEDING WITHIN GCOB, NEITHER SUGGESTING ANY USG ACTION WAS AWAITED BY BAHAMIANS.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED MINISTRY EARLY DECEMBER 18 AND TOLD RUS-

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SELL IT WAS CONFUSED BY ABOVE NEWS STORY, SINCE RUSSELL HAD

TOLD EMBASSY THAT INVESTIGATION BEING COORDINATED BY MINISTRY, THAT POLICE REPORT NOT YET RECEIVED IN MINISTRY AND THAT REPORT WOULD BE FURNISHED BY MINISTRY TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY OBSERVED THAT NEWS STORY APPEARED TO SUGGEST OTHER SCENARIOS.

3. RUSSELL COMMENTED THAT HE IS "EVEN MORE CONFUSED" THAN EMBOFF BY THOMPSON STATEMENTS AS REPORTED AND "COULDN'T MAKE HEAD OR TAIL" OF WHAT THOMPSON "THINKS HE'S DOING". HE IS CHECKING WITH ADDERLEY TO CONFIRM HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT EXERCISE IS ONE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION RATHER THAN PRESENTING AND REFUTING ALLEGATIONS. COMMENT: RUSSELL APPEARS TO FEEL THAT THOMPSON IS ACTING IN OVERLY DEFENSIVE MANNER, DUE TO EMBARRASSMENT OVER INITIAL ERRONEOUS DENIAL OF INCIDENT. IF ADDERLEY AND THOMPSON DISAGREE ON SCENARIO TO BE FOLLOWED IN PRESENTING BAHAMIAN VERSION OF FACTS, ADDERLEY IS UNLIKELY TO COME OUT SECOND BEST.  
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